WFP Sao Tome and Principe
Country Brief
March 2019

In Numbers

US$0.1 m six months (April-September 2019) net funding requirements, representing 45% of total needs requirements.

Operational Updates

- On 20 March 2019, a joint mission IFAD/AFD met with WFP team (Deputy Country Director and programme unit) in Sao Tome and Principe (STP), to discuss its upcoming plans and strategies for the country as well as possibilities for synergies and joint programming IFAD/WFP/FAO. WFP shared the Zero Hunger Strategic Review (ZHSR) report adopted by the Government in April 2018.

- On 21 March 2019, members of the Local Education Partners Group including a representation of WFP, met to develop the national action plan for the Education Policy Charter (2019/2023).

- On 25 March 2019, a delegation from STP comprised of the Minister of Education, the Lead Convener of the National ZHSR and the deputy Country Director attended the official ceremony for the inauguration of the regional Centre of Excellence against hunger and malnutrition in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire. The STP delegation had a side meeting with the WFP Executive Director in the presence of the departing Regional Director and incoming regional Director for the WFP regional bureau of Dakar.

- On 27 March 2019, WFP held a technical meeting with IFAD’s team to initiate a joint proposal (IFAD/WFP/FAO/FIDA) to be submitted for the second call for proposals China-IFAD SSTC Facility.

The 2018 Annual Country Report (ACR) for STP has been finalized and posted for on wfp.org for donors and partners reference.

Partnerships

- The Ministry of Education through the national programme of school feeding (PNASE) remains the main cooperating partner for WFP.

- WFP is also partnering with local and international NGOs.

Monitoring

- The process of the acquisition of a software for integrated management and monitoring of the school feeding programme is ongoing.

Challenges

- Funds availability and resources mobilization for transitional interim country strategic plan (T-ICSP) implementation.

Donors: Multilateral

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Operational Context

In 2017, estimated GDP per capita in São Tomé and Principe amounted to around USD 1,785 U.S. dollars. However recent World Bank estimates show that about one-third of the population lives with less than USD 1.9 per day and more than two-thirds of the population is using a poverty line of USD 3.2 per day.

In the past decades, the country has made considerable progress in reducing child mortality, malnutrition and improving maternal health. However, in 2014, it was estimated that 17.2 percent of children aged 6-59 months were stunted (20.5 percent boys and 19.9 percent girls), 8.8 percent were underweight (10.6 percent boys and 6.9 percent girls), and 4 percent were wasted (4.7 percent boys and 3.3 percent girls) — MICS-2014. Human Development Index value is 0.589 — which puts the country in the medium human development category, ranking 143 out of 189 countries and above the Sub-Saharan Africa average.

With Sao Tome, heavily dependent on food imports, food availability is unpredictable: there is no deep sea port, and, in bad weather, landing is difficult on the country’s one short airstrip. In addition, no cereals are cultivated on the island. The country is prone to natural disasters such as floods and landslides, which negatively affect crops and road access as well as destroy houses and household assets. WFP assistance is focused on floods and landslides, which negatively affect crops and road access as well as destroy houses and household assets. WFP assistance is focused on

Chronic malnutrition: 31% of children between 6-59 months

Population: 197,700

Income Level: Lower middle

2017 Human Development Index: 143 out of 189
Strategic Result 5: Developing countries have strengthened capacities to implement SDGs.

Strategic Outcome 1: The Government of Sao Tomé and Principe has enhanced capacity to implement food security and nutrition focused safety nets nationwide.

Focus area: Root causes

Activities 2: Provide targeted technical assistance for hunger-focused cost analysis and evidence generation for improved programme.

- Strengthen the government capacity through South-South cooperation (a delegation from STP comprised of the Minister of Education and the Lead Convener of the National ZHSR attended the official ceremony for the inauguration of the Regional Centre of Excellence against hunger and malnutrition in Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire – 25/03/2019).

Activities 1: Provide technical assistance to the Government to design, finance and manage its national home-grown school meals programme:

- Provide financial support to PNASE for acquisition of a software for the integrated management of the school meals programme.
- Support the strengthening of PNASE by training cooks and improve their working space (furniture of complete cooks’ uniforms, boots and others kitchen accessories).

WFP Country Strategy

Country Strategic Plan (2017-2021)

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